

Description	County Planning Board August 25, 2009		
Date	08/25/2009	Location	County Planning Board
Time	Speaker	Note	
6:04:30 PM	President Kerry White	Call to Order. Members Present: Kerry White, Marianne Jackson Amsden, C.B. Dormire, Doug Espelien, Susan Riggs, and Pat Davis. Members Absent: Byron Anderson, Julien Morice, Mike McKenna and Don Seifert. Staff Present: County Administrator Earl Mathers, Planner Randy Johnson, and Recording Secretary Glenda Howze.	
6:04:38 PM	President Kerry White	Public Comment. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.	
6:04:58 PM	President Kerry White	Approval of August 11, 2009 minutes.	
6:05:10 PM	President Kerry White	Corrections: Time stamp 6:52:09 "...not necessarily in that order." Time stamp 6:57:11 second sentence should read "The next ones the staff will work on...".	
6:06:32 PM		The minutes stand approved as amended.	
6:06:40 PM	President Kerry White	Planning Department Update.	
6:06:47 PM	Randy Johnson, County Planner	We are putting together a process to get the packets via email for those of you that desire it that way. Your next packets should be sent electronically. We don't have any applications for September 8th so you may want to consider canceling that meeting.	
6:07:56 PM	President Kerry White	The September 8th meeting is canceled due to a lack of agenda items, unless something very pressing comes in. Inquired about the I90 Interchange update document distributed by Earl Mathers.	
6:08:49 PM	County Administrator Earl Mathers	The County Commission is very much behind the I90 project and have been pushing for it for a long time. There are many issues to resolve with MDOT to get this on track. This project really has a good possibility of proceeding in the near future but that is contingent on the availability of funds and not just for the State but also for Gallatin County. The eight million dollars that has already been earmarked for us - MDOT has designs on that money and without some of it we are unable to complete the design work that we need to do for all of the feeder roads that go into the project. Hopefully some of these things will be resolved tomorrow at a meeting with MDT and move forward toward a scope of work and	

		resolution on some of the financial matters as well.
6:10:57 PM	President Kerry White	Inquired about where we are standing on the budget at this time.
6:11:20 PM	County Administrator Earl Mathers	I don't have a clear answer to that. We'd very much like to have a better definition of a process ourselves. At this point, optimistically, we're hoping that we'll have more complete information on the assessed valuations that will allow us to finalize our budgets by early October. We have been forced to continue with last year's budget incrementally until we are able to finalize this year's budget. Things look about as we expected or a few hundred thousand dollars ahead of what we thought, but that isn't significant. We have some looming financial issues that we will have to deal with later in the year that could have a serious impact on the County. I wish I could tell you precisely where we are but in all likelihood it will be the first of October.
6:13:15 PM	President Kerry White	Consent agenda. Recommendation on Preliminary Plat Approval for the Kapinos Subsequent Minor Subdivision.
6:13:42 PM	C.B. Dormire	I so move [to approve the consent agenda].
6:13:47 PM	Marianne Jackson Amsden	Second.
6:13:56 PM		Vote: Unanimously approved.
6:14:15 PM		The County Commission will consider this September 8, 2009.
6:14:35 PM		Five minute break to set up for presentation in regular agenda.
6:19:50 PM	President Kerry White	Regular agenda. Presentation by Alan English, Manager of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District, of preliminary results of the Assessment of Current Wastewater Treatment and Disposal in Gallatin County being performed by the District for the Planning Board.
6:20:17 PM	Alan English, LWQD Manager	Presentation.
7:05:23 PM	President Kerry White	Noted that Mr. English has done an excellent job.
7:05:51 PM	C.B. Dormire	Alan is to be commended for his diligence in pursuing this and his diligence in perceiving additional avenues for exploration that revealed themselves while he was doing it. Commented additionally on the process and benefits of the project to many entities in addition to the Planning Board and Local Water Quality District. The effort is not late, the magnitude of the effort only

		became known as Alan got into the project. Requested that when the project and conclusions are all finished we'll have to figure out how to make everyone in the County, not just government, aware of the findings.
7:10:45 PM	Alan English, LWQD Manager	Stated that once the final report is completed he would like to propose renting a bus and doing a field trip for Planning Board members, Commissioners and other interested folks to go and look at some of the wastewater systems and visit some of the hotspots around the County.
7:11:25 PM	Doug Espelien	I'm assuming that all of these studies have to do with the contamination of groundwater. Have any studies been done to determine the level of groundwater contamination from the lower part of the valley, where your water levels are 30-50 feet, compared to up on the higher parts where you're going to have to go down 300-400 feet for water? Logic would tell me that if any kind of sewage would have to go through 400 feet of clay would be a lot more filtered out than if it had to go through 30 feet.
7:12:16 PM	Alan English, LWQD Manager	This study does not analyze water quality data. There have been a number of various studies on this type of thing, such as River Rock, but this report is factual data only. Explanation of how this report and the data will be used in the future to identify potential problems. This report does not talk about existing water quality data it is just presenting the facts of what is currently going on with wastewater disposal itself. Also noted problems with projecting data on the County map given it's odd shape. They are looking for ideas on how to better display this information in a readable fashion.
7:16:13 PM		Discussion regarding the budget for this project. It has exceeded the projected hours of staff time needed, but Mr. English noted that the outcome will benefit his department as well so the extra is not of concern at this time. President White encouraged him to contact the Board if funding of the project does become a concern and additional is needed.
7:17:23 PM	President Kerry White	Other Business. There was no other business.
7:17:25 PM		Meeting adjourned.